until his official duties obliged him to abandon it. At the age of twenty-one, he was elected School Inspector for Woodstock, and held this office four years. He was Justice of the Peace for twenty-eight years; Supervisor for nineteen, and Postmaster for six years. In 1868 he removed to Adrian to fill the office of Drain Commissioner, to which he had been appointed the year previous. He has found leisure, in the intervals of business and official life, to interest himself in the Agricultural Society, having been the first Director chosen from Woodstock, and serving as Secretary at Adrian. Mr. Lamb joined the Masonic Fraternity in 1862, and has held many important offices. He is Worshipful Master, and has been Senior Warden of the blue lodge; he is Generalissimo, and has been Recorder of the Commandery, High Priest of the Chapter, Chairman of the several Masonic bodies, and Thrice Illustrious Grand Master of the Council. Mr. Lamb is now Justice of the Peace at Adrian. He has been a member of the Methodist Church for thirty-four years. He adheres strictly to the principles of the Democratic party. On the 13th of March, 1839, Mr. Lamb married Caroline Osborn, daughter of Jesse Osborn, one of the pioneers of Michigan.

LAY, HON. EZRA D., Ypsilanti, was born in the township of Saybrook, Connecticut, December 6, 1807. His parents, Aaron and Sarah Lay, removed from Connecticut to Western New York in May, 1812, settling in the wilderness four miles north-west of Rochester. They were members of the Presbyterian Church for a number of years, being among the sixteen members who formed the first church in Rochester, New York, in 1815. His father's death occurred in 1856, and his mother's in 1861. Mr. Lay received his education in the district schools of Monroe County, New York, and in a select school which he attended for two terms. Having been brought up on a farm, he always retained a preference for farming pursuits, and has followed them nearly all his life, in connection with other employments. When he became of age, he took charge of a small farm, and, at the same time, carried on the coopering business,—making flour barrels for the mills in Rochester during four years. In the fall of 1833, he removed to Michigan, purchasing a farm near Ypsilanti, and started the first nursery of cultivated fruits and shrubbery in the Territory. After carrying on this business for twenty-five years, he discontinued it, and turned his attention exclusively to farming. Mr. Lay has held various offices of trust in the township of Ypsilanti. In 1858 he was elected Supervisor, and held the office seven years. He was President of the Eastern Michigan Agricultural Society for two years. In the fall of 1874, he was elected Representative to the State Legislature, which office he held during the term of two years. He has also held various other offices of minor importance. It has always been his endeavor to build up society by sustaining schools, churches, and all enterprises which tend to advance the interests of the masses. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and has been one of the elders in the church at Ypsilanti for a number of years. He has voted the Republican ticket since the organization of the party. He married, December 4, 1834, Melinda Kinne, daughter of Rev. Joshua Kinne, a Baptist minister. They have three children: the eldest is the wife of Dr. William Pattison, of Ypsilanti; the second resides on the farm, devoting his attention to agriculture; the third received a classical education at the University of Ann Arbor, and, after studying law at Rochester, New York, died of consumption in the spring of 1869. Mr. Lay is almost three-score years and ten, but, having always been strictly temperate in his habits, he enjoys excellent health and bears his age remarkably well. To his strict integrity in all business transactions the financial success of his life may be justly attributed.

LEE, COLONEL GEORGE W., Ypsilanti, was born October 24, 1812, at Greene, Chenango County, New York. His father, Guy C. Lee, emigrated to that place from Castleton, Vermont, where he was born. Guy Lee was the third son of Colonel Noah Lee, an officer of the Revolution, who served in 1760 in the army that invaded and captured Canada from the French in that year. Colonel Noah Lee also commanded a company of Allen's Green Mountain Boys, who, in connection with Benedict Arnold, took Ticonderoga and Crown Point from the British in 1775; he served with distinction until the surrender of Cornwallis, at Yorktown, which he witnessed. George W. Lee's mother was Sallie Benedict, eldest daughter of Amzi Benedict, a merchant of Danbury, Connecticut. Mr. Lee's father returned to Castleton in 1815, following, as ever, the occupation of a farmer. The only education George Lee received was that afforded by the common schools of the day, and a few months at the Castleton Academy, of which Solomon Foote—since distinguished as United States Senator from Vermont—was then principal. In 1830 the family removed to a farm near Canastota, Madison County, New York, and resided there until 1836, when they removed to Livingston County, Michigan. Mr. Lee followed the pursuit of a farmer until 1845, when, in company with a younger brother, he commenced business as a merchant, at Howell, Michigan; he carried this on very successfully until 1861,